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**IN THE CLAIMS**

Amend claim 8 as follows:

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8. A method for preparing yeast with high biotin productivity, wherein the yeast comprises the integrated plasmid of claim 1, the method comprising the steps of:

a) constructing the integrated plasmid of claim 1;

linearizing said integrated plasmid; and

transforming said linearized integrated plasmid into a yeast under conditions that permit recombination between the biotin synthase gene and the yeast genome.

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**CONDITIONAL PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

If any extension of time for this response is required, Applicants request that this be considered a petition therefore. Please charge the required fee to Deposit Account No. 14-1263.

**ADDITIONAL FEES**

Please charge any further insufficiency of fees, or credit any excess to Deposit Account No. 14-1263.